



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tony Aguilar	Larry Jordan
Patricia Beard	William Morebeck
James Brenner	Vicky Morris
Paul Ferrari	John Nitta
Wayne Vineyard	

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

January 14, 2008

Members Present: Tony Aguilar, Patti Beard, Jim Brenner, Larry Jordan, William Morebeck, Vicky Morris

Members Absent: Paul Ferrari, Wayne Vineyard, John Nitta

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Secretary Patti Beard.**
 - II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR JANUARY 14, 2008 AND MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 10, 2007.**
Motion to approve:
Aguilar/Morris/MPUV
 - III. PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment). None**
 - IV. PROPOSED WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT - CARETAKER RESIDENCE ON AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE 356 – ROBERT HARMONY** Alex Fisch, Planning Department.
This is a proposed caretaker residence on 158 acres on Brewer Road. The property is in a Williamson Act Contract. The applicant does night irrigating for the less expensive rate and needs someone to help change the water and check it during the night.
Motion to approve:
Brenner/Jordan/MPUV, Patti Beard recused herself from vote
 - V. PROPOSED WINERY ORDINANCE UPDATE – Joshua Huntsinger, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner**
Planning staff recommendations are to simplify the process for event approval by changing the requirement from Administrative Review Permit (ARP) to Minor Use Permit (MUP), allow sales of other agricultural related items and for wine tasting, under zoning rules as long as they are within an agricultural zoning area, and to eliminate parking standards from ordinance.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** – Nancyjo Riekse - No report
- B. Economic Development Board (EDB) Update** – Lyndell Grey - No report
- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** – Roger Ingram
 - Update/Handout on February 2 Farm Conference.
 - Mobil Poultry Processor should be ready by end of February or mid-March.
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** – Cindy Fake
Grower Workshops Winter 2008
 - Market Driven Farming: Tuesdays February 5th-11th 6-9 PM, UCCE Conference Room.
 - Farm Business Planning: Thursdays February 7th-March 13th 6-9 PM, UCCE Conference Room.
 - Ag Related Community Resources Fair: February 27th, CSOC Conference Room.
 - Foothill Farmers Market Annual Meeting February 13, Loomis Veteran Hall.
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes** – Patti Beard - No report
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update** – William Morebeck - No report
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers** – Christine E. Turner - No report

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Joshua Huntsinger, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner

- Office of Emergency Services requesting Storm Damage reports by February 16.
- Device registration fee going into tier 2 for 2008
- New Agricultural Inspector I hired
- Reminder for Spray permit renewals

VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS

Larry Jordan – Placer County Tree Ordinance. Commission members requested this to be on the February 11 Agricultural Commission Agenda for information.

Pattie Beard – Concerned with Nevada Irrigation District (NID) water rate increase. Would like to have someone from Nevada Irrigation District at February Agricultural Commission Meeting.

- XI. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2008 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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